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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/807,424	Applicant(s) SATO, SHOUGO	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ito et al.

Ito et al disclose a process cartridge comprising a case 30 (Fig. 1); an image carrier 1 provided at the case wherein the surface of the image carrier being divided into four sections by two perpendicular lines perpendicular to a center of the image carrier (not disclosed however the lines are inherently shown with other image forming components); a charger 6 disposed on the case along the surface of the image carrier; a developing member 3 disposed on the case along the surface of the image carrier to supply developing agent to the image carrier and wherein the charger is located at a first section and the developing member is located at a second section that is opposite to the first section (no section disclosed in Fig 1; however, see location of the charger relative to the developing member).

Ito et al further disclose a transfer member 4 that is disposed on the case along the surface of the image carrier to transfer the toner image from the surface of the image carrier to a recording medium P and the transfer member is located at a third section between the first section and the second section; an opening disposed at a fourth section opposite from the third section (see opening between member 2 and 3,

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Fig. 1); the charger is located closer to the transfer member than the developing member (Fig. 1); the image carrier and the developing are located along a straight line; an exposing unit L disposed along the surface of the image carrier to emits a light beam L onto the surface of the image carrier and is located at the fourth section and is above the process cartridge (Fig. 1); the light path of the exposing unit is place with a plane parallel to the straight line and passes through the opening (Fig. 1); a supplying device (i.e. sheet feeder, Col. 5, line 34) for supplying the recording medium having a feed path parallel to the straight line (Fig. 1); a discharge device 5 for discharging the recording medium; the charger is located closer to the transfer member than the developing member (Fig. 1); the charger, the image carrier and the developing member are located along a straight line (Fig. 1).

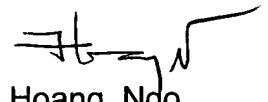
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2138. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am - 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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